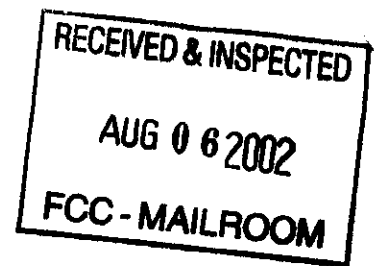


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July 25, 2002

Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Office of the Secretary
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Washington, D.C. 20554

Tracey Wilson
Competitive Policy Division
Wireline Competition Bureau
Federal Communications Commission
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Room 5-C437
Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: Application by Verizon New England Inc., Verizon Delaware Inc., Bell Atlantic Communications, Inc. (d/b/a Verizon Long Distance), NYNEX Long Distance Company (d/b/a Verizon Enterprise Solutions), Verizon Global Networks, Inc., and Verizon Select Services, Inc. for Authorization to Provide In-Region, InterLATA Services in New Hampshire and Delaware, WC Docket No. 02-157

Dear Ms Dortch and Ms. Wilson:

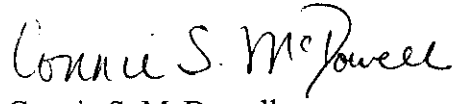
Enclosed please find 9 letters that was received by the Delaware Public Service Commission and included in PSC Docket No. 02-001, Verizon Delaware Inc.'s 271 application. 8 of these letters support Verizon's request and 1 does not. A representative of Verizon requested that these letters be sent to your office for your consideration of their request for authorization to provide interLATA services in Delaware.

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Ms. Dortch and Ms. Wilson
July 25, 2002
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If you have any questions, please contact me at 302-739-3230 or by e-mail at connie.mcdowell@state.de.us.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Connie S. McDowell". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looped "C" and a stylized "M".

Connie S. McDowell
Chief of Technical Services

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June 20, 2002

Bruce Burcat, Executive Director
 Delaware Public Service Commission
 801 Silver Lake Blvd.
 Dover, DE 19904

Dear Mr. Burcat:

The Legislative Committee of the Central Delaware Chamber of Commerce has discussed Verizon's application to the Public Service Commission to provide long distance service. We support their application.

As a chamber of commerce, we believe in a free market system and that competition is healthy. Competition should mean better prices and better service. Verizon's application would allow them to join many other companies in being allowed to provide long distance service. It would also allow consumers who wish to use one provider for all services to do so.

We know that the PSC is in the process of reviewing Verizon's application and urge you to approve it.

Sincerely,

Jeanette D. Wessel
 Executive Vice President



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Wilmington, DE 19804
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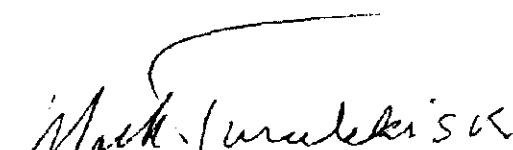
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June 14, 2002

Mr. William O'Brien
State of Delaware
Public Service Commission
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Dear Mr. O'Brien:

The Reference Hearing of June 24, 2002 of Verizon trying to sell or provide long distance telephone service in Delaware. I must make objections to this and that if the Public Service Commission does this it would go against the United States Court decision of many years ago to break up the monopolies and that Verizon currently still has ^{it}over 90% of the local residential telephone market and some may say has made it difficult for others to enter and/or provide and or sell local telephone service in our great State of Delaware, and therefore, this does not serve the best interest of the people of our great State of Delaware.


Mark Turulski, Sr.
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May 13, 2002

Arnetta McRae, Esquire
Chairman
Delaware Public Service Commission
861 Silver Lake Boulevard
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Dear Ms. McRae:

Thanks for the leadership role you play in our state. We appreciate your time and efforts. This letter is to voice our support of Verizon Delaware's entry into the long distance market.

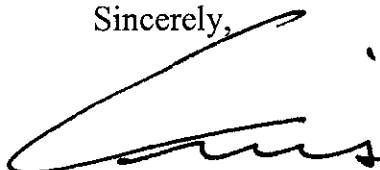
We understand that Verizon's entry into the long distance market in other states has resulted in reduced rates for businesses and consumers. We believe in the positive, consumer-cost-savings power of increased competition, and witness it every day in the hundreds of interviews we conduct with company managements. Increased competition will mean more choices for Delaware consumers, and make all the service providers more accountable to the public.

We would appreciate the ability to have all our telecommunications services on one bill. This would greatly reduce the confusion and frustration many consumers feel and cut down on check writing and other associated administrative tasks.

We sense that these benefits will occur when you allow Verizon to enter the long distance market in Delaware.

Again, thanks for all you do to benefit Delaware's consumers.

Sincerely,



Christopher Long
Chief Operating Officer

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*Thanks for the important role
you play, Arnetta!*

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Ms. Arnetta McRae, Esquire
Chair
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Dear Chair McRae:


I am Cathy Larson of Korman Communities and support Verizon's request to enter the long distance market in Delaware.

Verizon's entry into the long distance market in other states has resulted in reduced rates and increased competition. My company and Delaware's consumers should be allowed to see the same savings.

Many businesses and consumers continue to be frustrated with being forced to deal with more than one company to obtain and maintain their telephone service. With Verizon offering long distance, we will be able to have all our telephone needs handled by one company and receive one bill for all our services.

The people of Delaware will benefit from your decision to allow Verizon into the long distance market.

Sincerely,



Cathy Matthews Larson
General Manager
Korman Communities
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May 3, 2002

Arnetta McRae, Esquire
Delaware Public Service Commission
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Dear Ms. McRae:

I am writing in support of Verizon Delaware's submission to the Delaware Public Service Commission (PSC) for support in the offering of long-distance service in the State of Delaware. As both a consumer and financial manager within the state, I believe the addition of Verizon to the long-distance market would promote increased competition for existing customers and would increase Delaware's attractiveness to new businesses.

Thank you for the opportunity to discuss this matter on April 29th. As I stated during that discussion, through my personal and business contacts within Verizon, I have researched this request and have found that this opportunity would have a significant impact on all existing and future long-distance users. This impact could lead to improved savings and more effective and efficient provider services. Additionally, the ability to deal with one provider for both local and long-distance service is a luxury that would save both time and money in paying bills and dealing with customer service issues.

I believe that this request is in the best interest of all Delawareans. Thank you for considering this request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jason Hale".
Jason S. Hale, CPA
Director of Business



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The mission of the YMCA Resource Center of Delaware is to build healthy lifestyles for all Delawareans through youth leadership, positive life skills, and alcohol and other drug prevention.

April 26, 2002

Arnetta McRae, Esquire
Chair
Delaware Public Service Commission
861 Silver Lake Boulevard
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Dear Ms. McRae,

I am writing on behalf of the Resource Center branch of the YMCA of Delaware in support of Verizon Delaware's application to provide long distance service in Delaware.

The Resource Center is a community outreach, social service branch of the YMCA of Delaware. We serve over 31,000 Delawareans each year. The Resource Center provides youth leadership programs, positive life skill training and substance abuse prevention to children, youth and adults. The Resource Center is the only YMCA branch in the United States that serves an entire state. We have offices in Wilmington, Dover, Georgetown, and Rehobeth.

Verizon has been a strong supporter of Resource Center programs. We are very proud to partner with a corporation that is committed, as we are, to building strong kids, strong families and strong communities in Delaware. By it's substantial support of non-profit agencies in Delaware Verizon has demonstrated it's interest in our communities and our kids.

At the YMCA we teach kids about healthy and fair competition. We support Verizon's desire to compete in the telecommunication business in Delaware.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter.

Sincerely,

Timothy J. Brandau, Ph.D.
Executive Director



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Arnetta McRae, Esquire, Chairperson
Delaware Public Service Commission
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RE: Verizon Delaware's Long Distance Filing

Dear Chairperson McRae:

As a retiree of Verizon Delaware and the current Co-Chair of The Telephone Pioneers of America, Liberty Bell Chapter #6 and Chair of Diamond State Council Literacy program, I am writing to express my support for Verizon Delaware's application to provide long distance service in our State.

The Telephone Pioneers of America is the world's largest industry-related volunteer organization. It is comprised of employees, both past and present, of the former Bell Communications industry. The Telephone Pioneers was founded in 1911, with a primary focus on education. Pioneers also serve their communities in numerous other ways, from improving the quality of life for the disabled, to preserving the environment, to forming the critical support required during times of disaster.

Verizon has been part of Delaware since 1897. Through the service we have provided and the numerous community projects we have implemented, we have been able to serve our state proudly.

Numerous companies have been approved to provide both local and long distance service in the State of Delaware. Many have their equipment in Verizon buildings throughout the state. Competition is a fact in Delaware. By allowing Verizon entry into the long distance market, we will be allowing Delawareans the benefit of choice. I believe, by allowing Verizon to compete with other long distance carriers, it will help reduce rates with more affordable prices. Services will be more accessible to consumers who are economically challenged. By allowing Verizon to provide long distance, consumers who desire one provider for all their services would have that opportunity.

Verizon supports the State's efforts to attract new businesses while maintaining existing businesses. In allowing Verizon to enter the competitive world of long-distance, Verizon will have more incentives to increase investments in the telecommunications network, which will benefit all those involved.

Sincerely,


Susan E. Joseph

Annetta McCrae, Esquire
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Dear Chair McCrae

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Please say "YES" ~~DELAWARE~~ distance service as well as local service by VERIZON.

I am a former employee of Verizon, having retired twenty years ago.

I know the public money on phone bills, as have customers in New York, and Mass. I think we, here in Delaware should save money, too, especially those of us on fixed incomes. It would be nice to have all Telephone services come in on one bill, instead of 7 different, double sided papers.

I would like Verizon to offer me one bill and savings.

Sincerely,

Mary A. Beissel

Mary A. Beissel,
March 13, 2002

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Mr. Bruce Burcat
Executive Director
Delaware Public Service Commission
861 Silver Lake Boulevard
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Dear Mr. Burcat:


With the passage of the Telecommunications Technology Investment Act in Delaware and the Telecom Act at the federal level, Delaware consumers have benefited from an open, competitive long distance market, hopefully resulting in better service and lower rates.

The purpose of this correspondence is to express support for the recent filing with the Public Service Commission by Verizon to enter the long distance market in Delaware. Consumers throughout our state, many of whom are small business owners, have already benefited from competition with many new companies in Delaware now offering local and long distance services. The approval for Verizon to now enter that market and spurring even more competition will enhance customer choice and, we believe, lower long distance costs for our members.

In addition, the Delaware State Chamber is continually working to ensure that the economic and regulatory environment in our state enhances not only the competitiveness of existing businesses, but also creates a business climate that will encourage new business opportunities in the future. The Commission's approval of Verizon to enter the long distance market will ensure the ongoing development of a flourishing telecommunications system in Delaware that will only support existing efforts to attract and keep new businesses, such as IT and bio-tech firms, to our great state.

Verizon has been a dependable, customer oriented corporate neighbor in Delaware since 1897. We urge the Commission to approve Verizon's entry into the long distance market and allow this longstanding Delaware utility the opportunity to compete with other firms for this critical service.

Sincerely,


Suzanne C. Moore
President/CEO